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University Senate – Faculty Candidates



Candidate for University Senate: Dawn Adams-Harmon

I am a Lecturer in the School of Business and Public Management. I started at Kean as an adjunct as I was in the throes of my doctoral degree and during the dissertation process. This occurred after a long and successful career working for Pfizer and Merck, where I was an executive leader. I have three published journal articles of original research I have undertaken and am awaiting feedback on a book chapter I was approved for. My research focuses on marginalized groups and how to overcome barriers experienced to create resilience.

I have been teaching at the collegiate level since 2005, in online and live formats, and I know the challenges distance learners experience.



Candidate for University Senate: Denise Anderson

I have collaborated with many of you, serving on the University Curriculum Committee (2020–2024) and as its Chair for the last two years. I've had the honor of working with you on the University Appeals Board from 2014 to 2017, again from 2023 to 2024 as its Chair, and on the University Planning Council from 2021 to 2023. In these pivotal roles, I've witnessed a collective dedication to enhancing our students' experiences and improving our University's integrity. Serving on the University Senate, I will exercise my leadership qualities and continue fostering an environment of collaboration and progress.



Candidate for University Senate: Susan Chambrè

Before teaching in Higher Education, Susan Chambrè taught for over a decade in Urban and Suburban PreK-5 classrooms. She holds a PhD in Contemporary Literacy from Fordham University. Before joining Kean, Dr. Chambrè taught at Marist College, William Paterson University, and Fordham University. At Kean University, she is working to revamp the teacher education literacy curriculum, revamp the Masters in Literacy Education, and teach literacy courses across the college. Her research interests include vocabulary development, particularly relating to pre-service teacher induction. She also studies pre-service teacher knowledge of dyslexia and dyslexia neuromyths as they relate to future classroom experiences. In her free time, she enjoys reading historical fiction, spending time with her family, and eating copious amounts of chocolate!



Candidate for University Senate: Israel R. Curbelo

After completing a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, Israel Curbelo returned to his roots in New Jersey to inspire and empower students from diverse backgrounds to appreciate the beauty and practicality of mathematics. At Kean University, he strives to create an inclusive learning environment, blending enthusiasm, clarity, and a profound understanding of mathematics to make even the most complex concepts accessible to students of all levels. Israel serves on several committees, including faculty search, data analytics minor, and curriculum and research committees for the Department of Mathematical Sciences. Israel reactivated the math club, for which he is the faculty advisor. He also serves as a mentor for the Math Alliance to help students from underrepresented backgrounds enter graduate school. His research expands mathematical knowledge with practical applications in industries.



Candidate for University Senate: Joseph Hogan

Joseph Hogan, Ed.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education & Literacy. He has served as program coordinator for graduate special education programs (non-ABA) and assessment coordinator. While at Kean, Joe has served on various committees, including the College of Education Curriculum Committee, the University Ad Hoc Faculty Technology Advisory Group, and the University Academic Standards and Policy Committee. Joe has also worked closely with the Center for Teaching and Learning in hybrid course development.



Candidate for University Senate: Craig Konyk

Craig Konyk is the Chair and Associate Professor of Architecture at the newly formed School of Public Architecture in Michael Graves College. He is the Assessment Coordinator for the School of Public Architecture. The School of Public Architecture's Master of Architecture program recently received Initial Accreditation from the National Architecture Accreditation Board (NAAB). Craig currently serves as Secretary of the University Senate and the Moderator of the UAB, and he co-chairs IRB Committee #1 with Sarah Rhiannon Patten.



Candidate for University Senate: Carolyn Lambert

Carolyn Lambert has been an assistant professor of fine arts specializing in digital media since 2022. Her research takes the form of video art and installation, focusing on the affective impacts of ecological crises. At Kean, she teaches Video Art and other software-based creative practices. She has her terminal degree, an MFA, from Carnegie Mellon University and was a Fellow in Carnegie Mellon University's Studio for Creative Inquiry. She is an Artist in Residence with the US Forest Service for 2024.

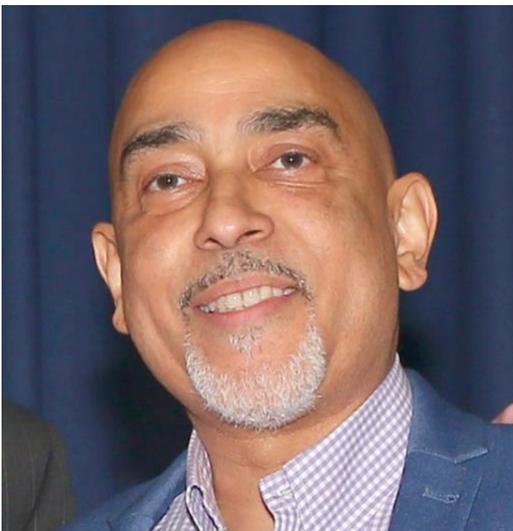
Lambert is interested in continued investments in technological resources for students and faculty at Kean. With the collaboration of OCIS, the CLA Dean's Office, and the Department of Fine Arts, she secured a MacIntosh Lab upgrade for students. Carolyn would like to continue to look for ways to provide students with round-the-clock access to computers, scanners, and printers and to ensure that faculty have the data storage they need to do their research and teaching efficiently. She would also look forward to

learning and supporting ongoing initiatives of the Academic Technology and Multimedia Committee.



Candidate for University Senate: Shuting Liu

Shuting Liu received a PhD in Marine Science from The University of Texas at Austin. She joined Kean and became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental & Sustainability Sciences in 2022. Dr. Liu's research interest focuses on marine organic geochemistry and microbial oceanography. At Kean University, she works on coastal water quality studies and teaches environmental science-related courses. She has experience in student mentoring at various levels, environmental protection outreach, teamwork coordination, and management.



Candidate for University Senate: Luis Martinez

Luis Martinez is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health & Human Performance. I've been teaching at Kean for over 30 years and have been involved in many facets of the University. I am passionate about my advocacy for working in transparent collaboration and shared governance with the administration toward continually building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive University where all students, faculty, professional staff, administration, and stakeholders can thrive.



Candidate for University Senate: Patrick McManimon

Dr. Patrick McManimon received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 2000. Previously, he was an administrator and warden at several Illinois and New Jersey institutions.

Dr. McManimon previously served as the executive director of the criminal justice and public administration department and as the coordinator of the criminal justice programs (BA and MA). He is a certified expert witness in the United States Federal Courts for correctional management and inmate rights.



Candidate for University Senate: Matthew Mongelli

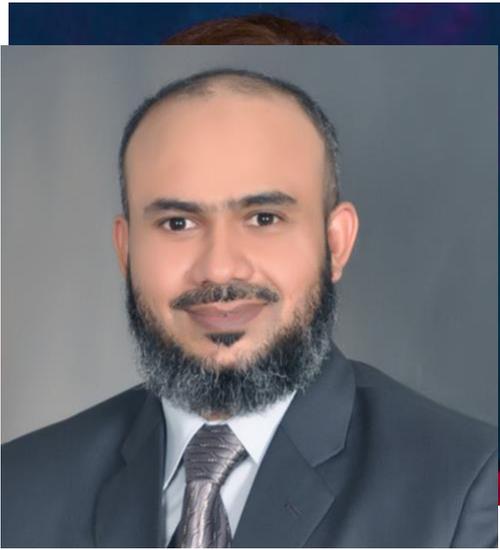
As an Assistant Professor at Kean University for over 17 years in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, I have had the privilege to serve on multiple committees at the department, college, and university Levels. I have served on the University Curriculum Committee for seven years and four years on the General Education Committee. I am currently the Chair of The Dorothy and George Hennings College of Science, Mathematics, and Technology College Curriculum Committee and serve on the College Committee on Research. I am also the Chair of my Department's Grievance Committee and a member of the Department's ARTP Committee, Research Committee, and Safety Committee. I served two terms as the Chemistry Program's Coordinator. I am running for the University Senate to help give a voice to the many tenured Assistant Professors here at Kean University.



Candidate for University Senate: Chrysanthe Patestos

Dr. Patestos is a proud Kean Alumna and an accomplished Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) with 30 years of experience in nursing practice in Maternal/Child Health, Community/Public Health, School Health, and Geriatrics. In addition to maintaining certification as a Nurse Educator, Dr. Patestos is certified in public health (CPH) and as a School Nurse in New Jersey (CSN). Experienced in curriculum development and interested in holistic education. Dr. Patestos co-created the Integrative Student Growth Model (ISGM), a groundbreaking work aimed at transforming nursing education from a "one size fits all" approach to a holistic education environment that fosters the growth and success of all students – especially those underrepresented in nursing education. Dr. Patestos is deeply committed to student success and transformative learning, striving to provide tailored learning experiences to improve student learning

outcomes.



Candidate for University Senate: Raza Rafique

Raza Rafique received a Ph.D. in Supply Chain Management from Rutgers University and is an Assistant Professor in the Management Department. He teaches Operations Management, Supply Chain Management, Logistics and Transportation, Business Analytics, and Business Statistics. His research interests include supply chain management, business analytics, optimization, healthcare management, and sustainable energy network design. His research has been published widely in academic journals, such as Production and Operations Management, Manufacturing and Service Operations Management, Journal of Forecasting, Raza has served on several department and college-wide committees.



Candidate for University Senate: Dina Rosen

I am finishing a term with the Senate, serving on the Executive Board, and co-chairing an ad hoc committee. Collaborating with my Senate colleagues has been rewarding; I've learned about the responsibilities of the Senate, community needs, and the priorities of the University. I would welcome an opportunity to apply this knowledge during a new term. My service at Kean has been at many levels. As the Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, I support faculty in developing new initiatives, such as establishing hybrid courses and integrating critical instructional technologies. As faculty, I've served on many committees, including the Distance Education Committee, Accreditation committees, and the Presidential Task Force on Advising. These experiences have helped me gain a deeper understanding of how to represent and advocate for the interests of my Kean colleagues.



Candidate for University Senate: Benito Sanchez

Benito Sanchez is an Associate Professor of Finance. He is the Accounting and Finance (A&F) Department chairperson, previously serving as finance program coordinator and department assessment coordinator. Benito has an extensive service record. He is a university senate member and serves on the General Education Committee. Past service includes the Senate Ad Hoc Committee for Research, Department Chair Implementation (DCI) Task Force, College Retention and Tenure Committee (co-chair, member), College Committee on Research (Chair, member), University Curriculum Committee, University Assessment Committee, and the AACSB Accreditation Committee. He received the "Dean's Excellence Award for Service" in the CBPM for 2022 for his service at the University, College, and Department levels.



Candidate for University Senate: Camille Sherrod

I have worked in various roles in the School of Public Architecture at Kean University for the past decade, serving on multiple committees and meeting many of you along my journey. Before joining Kean as a part-time lecturer, I completed an M.Arch in Architecture and Urbanism. I worked as a practicing architect for over ten years, the majority being affordable and supportive housing. My current research as an Assistant Professor explores architectural education through a wellness and equity agenda in line with my teaching. I hope to make all spaces, physical, social, or otherwise, a little better for those who find themselves there. With your support, I hope to use my skills and experience to make a positive mark in the Senate's history.



Candidate for University Senate: Veysel Yucetepe

Veysel Yucetepe is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Marketing, Global Business, and Economics. Dr. Veysel Yucetepe earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He previously served as the Executive Director of Global Business School and Interim Executive Director of the School of Accounting and Finance. Veysel has served on the University Planning Council (UPC), University Senate, General Education Committee, University Senate Nomination Committee, Released Time for Research and Creative Works Committee, Distance Learning Curriculum Committee, and multiple search committees. In addition, he served as the Coordinator of Kean-Ocean Business Programs.

University Senate – Professional Staff Candidates



Candidate for University Senate: Liza Argue

Liza Argue is a professional specialist/marketing writer in the Office of University Relations. She holds a BFA and an M.A. in interdisciplinary art and has worked in higher education for over 20 years. Always drawn to ideas, tools, and practices that improve the quality of life, Liza enjoys considering what fulfills people and ignites their personal and professional dreams and aspirations. She intends to gather feedback and advocate for creating better professional development opportunities for everyone in our diverse academic community.



Candidate for University Senate: Edwin Smiley

Edwin Smiley '20, '22 M.A., a dedicated Kean alumnus, currently serves as the Special Events Communication Specialist in the University Relations department. Edwin is dedicated to seeing the University grow into a prominent R2 Institution. Edwin appreciates his experiences as a former student guided by faculty and administrators. As an administrator, he often enjoys engaging with students on campus, offering advice to support their academic success. Knowing the importance of shared governance, Edwin is committed to bettering the University and helping to ensure it remains a world-class environment where all Kean community members thrive. Doing so will take a collaborative effort from everyone, as Edwin believes that Cougars indeed climb higher, but together, they can climb farther



Candidate for University Senate: Dawn Smith-Jeffries

I have worked for Kean University in the Office of the Registrar since 2008. I am passionate about serving others, and as a Senate member, I work diligently on the issues and concerns that matter most to the Kean Community. I am also very passionate about professional development for our professional staff community. I would be very excited to have the opportunity to work on the KFT Letter of Agreement Committee to promote professional staff development, which would coincide with our goal, as a university, to pursue Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for all. I have earned both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Kean. I am confident that my education and length of service here at Kean would be a great asset to the Senate and benefit the Kean community by addressing the issues that matter most.

University Senate – Non-unit Manager Candidates



Candidate for University Senate: Billie J. Bailey

Dr. Billie J. Bailey is the director of the Bridge to Success Program (formerly known as PASSPORT). I have over 20 years of experience as a servant leader at Kean University. I am a first-generation college graduate passionate about first-gen initiatives and student success. I served in the Senate as a KFT representative. During my time with KFT, I held the Treasurer and Events Coordinator positions. I serve on the Academic Advising Committee, Sustainability Task Force, Student Communications, Student Accountability, Standards and Education (Hearing Officer). I am committed to fostering an environment where every person's voice is heard. We will create opportunities for open dialogue and collaboration, ensuring that our University Senate represents our University's diverse perspectives and talents.